

man concerned of his career in life is to commit a glaring injustice."

In a letter to the Secretary of War, Mr. Taft, on February 3, 1906, he made this earnest demand for respect for the uniform of enlisted men:

"The more civilized a nation is, the more honestly desirous it is of securing peace, the greater should be the care with which it fosters and encourages the preservation of the military virtues among its citizens, and in no way can this be better achieved than by resolute effort to secure proper recognition for the enlisted men of the Army and Navy. The uniform of the enlisted man is a badge of honor. It entitles him to peculiar consideration. It shows that in the great majority of cases he has learned those habits of self-command, of self-restraint, of obedience, and of fearlessness in the face of danger which put him above most of his fellows who have not possessed similar privileges. To strive to discriminate against him in any way is literally an infamy; for it is in reality one of the most serious offenses which can be committed against the stability and greatness of our nation. If a hotel-keeper or the owner of a theater or any other public resort attempts such discrimination, everything possible should be done by all good citizens to make the man attempting it feel the full weight of a just popular resentment, and if possible, legal proceedings should be taken against him. As for the commissioned officers, it both is and must be their pride alike to train the enlisted man how to do his

duty and to
see that the enlisted man who does his duty is
held in honor
and respect."

Writing to Mr. Strachey, editor of the London
Spectator,
on February 12, 1906, he says of his own
career: "Although
I have been pretty steadily in politics since I
left college,
I have always steadfastly refused to regard
politics as a
career, for save under exceptional
circumstances I do not
believe that any American can afford to try to
make this his
definite career in life. With us politics are of
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